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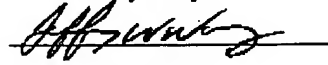
Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment dated March 22, 2006, please find enclosed a signed Office Action Response dated January 11, 2006.

We look forward to receiving further communication on this application.

Yours very truly,

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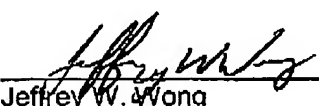
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**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits a three-month extension of time along with the responsive submission. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.